## IN THE PROCEEDINGS BEFORE THE ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED IN TERMS OF SECTION 97 OF THE SECURITIES SERVICES ACT, 36 OF 2004

CASE NO: 1/2010

In the matter of:

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## THE DIRECTORATE OF MARKET ABUSEThe Referring PartyandPIETERSE, JOHANFirst Respondent

VAN DER MERWE, NICK

Second Respondent

## **DETERMINATION OF THE ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE**

Before The Hon Mr Justice C F Eloff, E A Moolla, Ms C Maynard and Prof S M Luiz.

This Committee was entrusted with the task of deciding whether charges

20 of insider trading in contravention of Section 73 of the Securities Services Act 36 of 2004 were adequately established. We are today concerned merely with the position of the first respondent, Mr Pieterse.

While he initially disputed the contentions that he was an insider; that his knowledge was specific and direct; and had the public known what he knew they would have reacted to the facts being made known, he now

filed an affidavit in which he accepted his contravention of Section 73 and suggested an administrative penalty.

The Committee considered his position and concluded that his admission is in accordance with well-established facts. It is accordingly found that the first respondent was guilty as charged of insider trading. As to the amount of the administrative penalty, we take note of the fact that the Directorate of Market Abuse does not press for a greater amount than that suggested, there are mitigating factors and it is necessary to stress that

10 each case must be decided on its own facts.

In this particular case, by virtue of the circumstances, accepted by the DMA and put forward by the first respondent, the amount which he tenders, which is of R1 million, is acceptable. In summary then the Committee finds that the charge has been adequately established against this first respondent. He was found guilty as charged of insider trading and an administrative penalty of R1 million is imposed.

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M **CHAIRPERSON** 

1 June 2010